

COMPARABILTY OF SERVICES



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Q1. What is Comparability of Services?

A1. Any local educational agency (LEA) that receives Title I, Part A funds must ensure that all schools that receive Title I, Part A funds receive adequate State and local funds to ensure that the schools can deliver services that are comparable to non-Title I schools. If Title I, Part A funds went away LEAs are still obligated to provide Title I schools with adequate State and Local funding that would ensure that the services these schools provide are at the same level as non- Title I schools.

Q2. Does my LEA have to demonstrate Comparability of services?

A2. Any LEA that accepts Title I, Part A funding is required to demonstrate Comparability of Services.

Q3. What are the Title I, Part A Comparability of services requirements for LEA's?

A3. Each LEA must sign written assurances with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) that the LEA has established and implemented:

- < A local educational agency-wide salary schedule;
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- A5. An LEA may exclude ELL and Special Education programs approved by the NYSED and State/locally funded compensatory education programs that meet the intent and purposes of Title I, Part A. Please note that an LEA may exclude approved programs only if it does so in all Title I and non-Title I schools in which the program operates.
- Q6. What does the term Grade Span Grouping mean and how do I use this information to report my L «                    )                    /                    «                    )